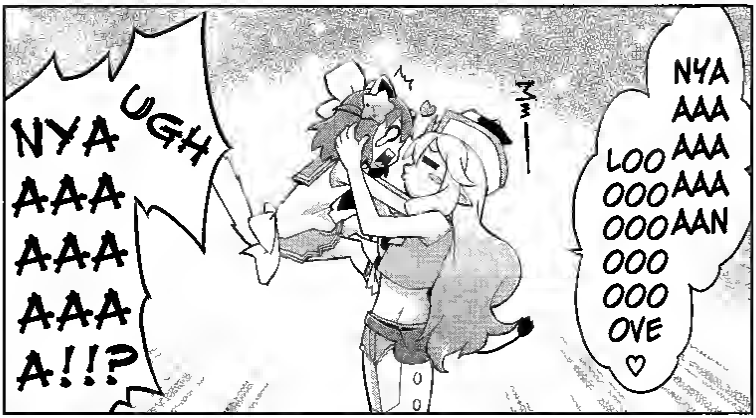
HIIIIIII NYA-TAN~♡
NYA!? MO-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NYA AAA AAA AAA A!!?

SPEECH BUBBLE MMMMMMMMM
SFX SMOOOOCH
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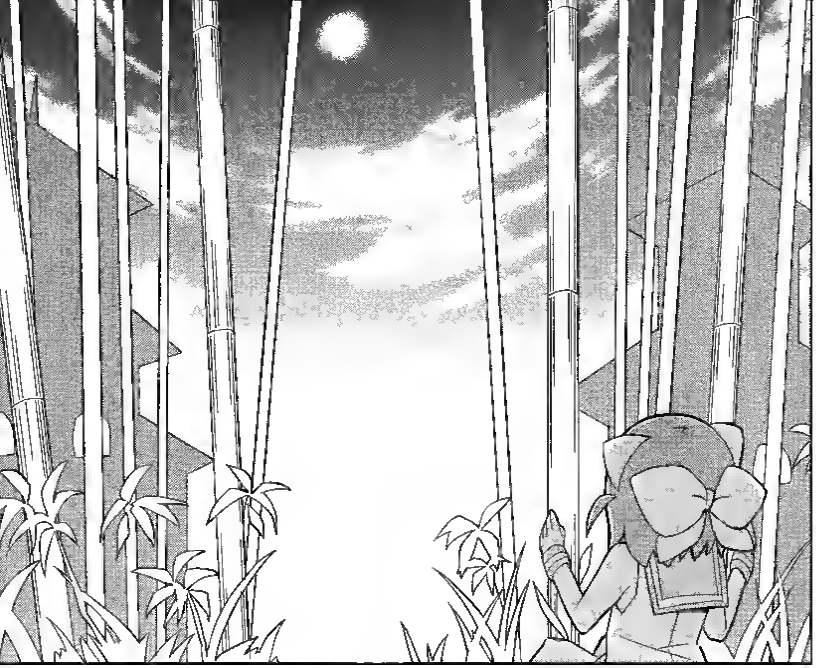

HO....
THAT'S GREAT...
I'M STILL ALIVE -NYA
BUT WHY DID I HAVE THAT NIGHT-MARE..
MAYBE IT'S A BAD OMEN -NYA?
Ungh
WHEN I WAS UNAWARE OF IT?
OR MAYBE A DESIRE TO SLEEP IMPRINTED IN MY DEEP PSYCHE?

TN NOTE: BAMBOO(竹) IN JAPANESE IS PRONOUNCED 'TAKE'
THE SENTENCE ABOVE STARTS WITH 'TAKE' AND ENDS WITH '-RU'

I HAVE TO SAY, THIS IS A NICE HOUSE, IT'S MAKING A GOOD USE OF ITS RAW MATERIALS -NYA...
And now that I found the answer, it's time to sleep again -nya
WAIT, WAIT, NO, THAT CAN'T BE POS-SIBLE ~~~~
LET ME THINK FOR A LITTLE WHILE -NYA...
HOW DID NYAA END UP HERE?
AT THAT TIME...
CER-TAINLY...
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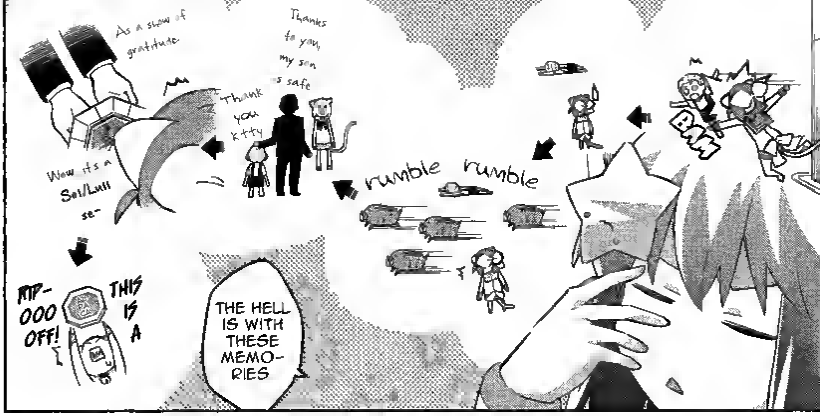
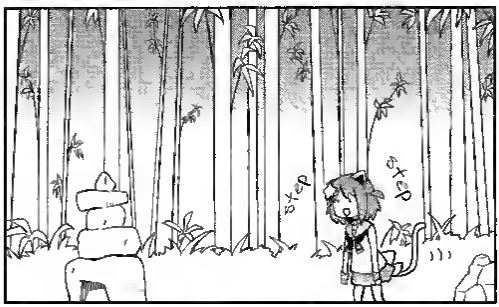

As a show of gratitude
Thanks to you, my son is safe
Thank you kitty
Wow it's a Sat/Lun se-
rumble rumble
BAM
THIS IS A
RIP-OOO OFF!
THE HELL IS WITH THESE MEMO-RIES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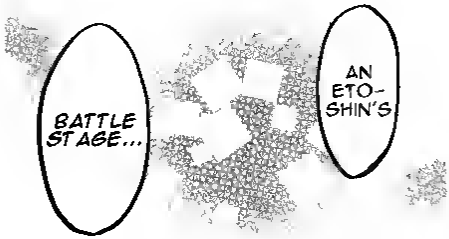
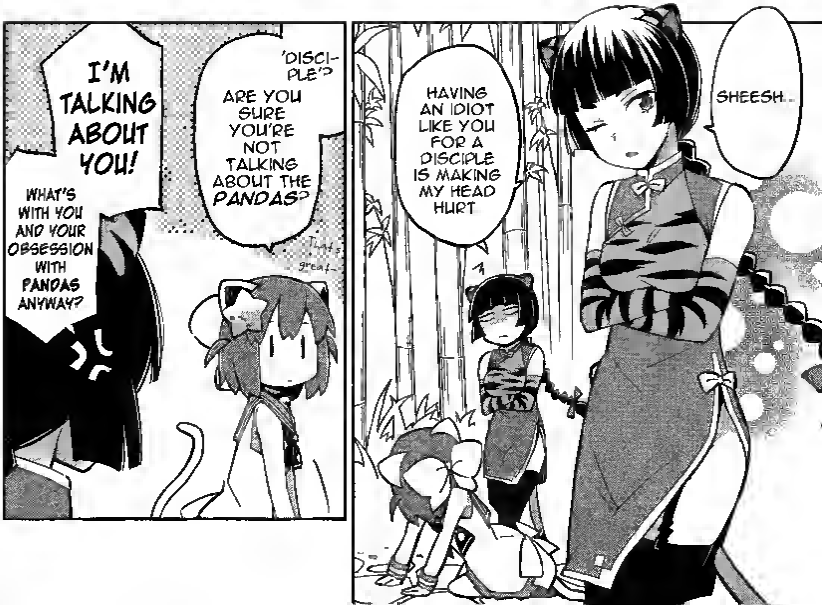
WELL, I HAVE AMNESIA IN THE FIRST PLACE ANYWAY -NYA...
MAYBE I SHOULD JUST WALK AROUND AND THINK ABOUT THIS -NYA.

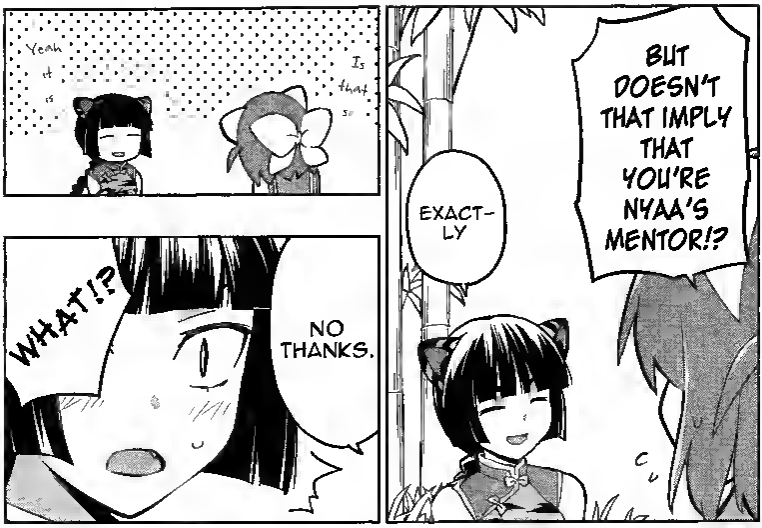

BATTLE STAGE...
AN ETO-SHIN'S

AS I THOUGHT, THIS PLACE IS THAT, -NYA...
UHHHHH

YEAH, IT WAS NICE THERE.
THOUGH THE ONLY ONE I'VE ACTUALLY VISITED BEFORE IS URI-TAN'S -NYA.
TN NOTE: JINGISUKAN IS A HOKKAIDO MUTTON DISH
DRAGON~ SNAKE~ AND THE REALLY YUMMY JINGISUKAN~
RAT~ COW~ TIGER~ RABBIT~
MAY~BE AN ETO-SHIN I STILL HAVEN'T MET YET -NYA~
I WON~DER WHOSE STA~GE THIS PLACE COULD BE~ -NYA~
WHAT ABOUT THE ETO-SHIN OF PANDA?
PAN-DA!
AND THIS ATMOS-PHERE...
BAM-BOO.
Long time no see

DO YOU THINK THERE ARE PANDAS IN THE ZODIAC!?
DA-BUMP
PANDA-SAN!?
DO I LOOK BLACK-AND-WHITE TO YOU?

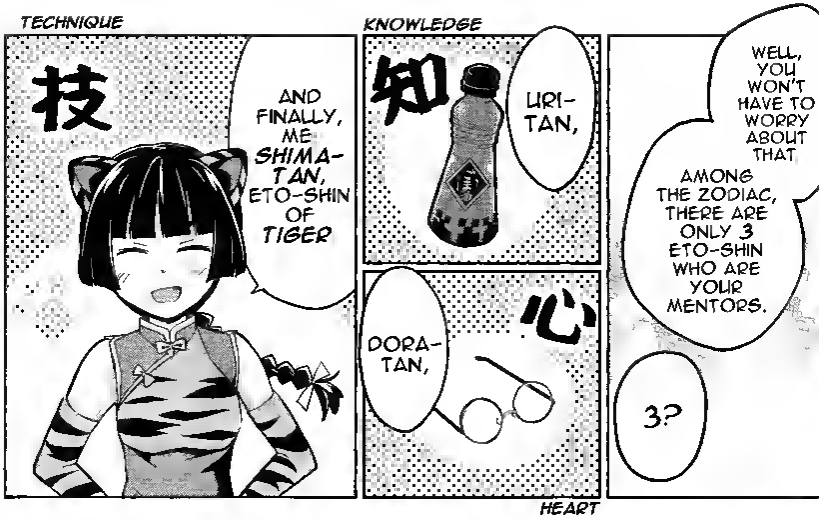

SHEESH..
HAVING AN IDIOT LIKE YOU FOR A DISCIPLE IS MAKING MY HEAD HURT
'DISCI-PLE'?
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT THE PANDAS?
I'M TALKING ABOUT YOU!
WHAT'S WITH YOU AND YOUR OBSESSION WITH PANDAS ANYWAY?


Yeah
Is that
BUT DOESN'T THAT IMPLY THAT YOU'RE NYAA'S MENTOR!?
EXACT-LY
WHAT!?
NO THANKS.

Buy me half a dozen bottles of sesame oil
dess dess
NYA-TAN, GO DO THAT~
IF THAT HAPPENS, EVERYONE WOULD TREAT ME AS THEIR LACKEY, EVEN AFTER I GET INTO THE ZODIAC..

NYA-TAN, GO STUFF YOURSELF INTO A TEAPOT
NYA-TAN, GO STRIP~
NYA-TAN, GO DO THIS~
AS IF I'LL DO THOSE -NYAAA!!

NYAA ALREADY HAS ENOUGH MENTORS AS IT IS
THERE'S REALLY NO NEED TO HAVE 4~5 MENTORS
Mmph
AND WHAT WOULD I DO ANYWAY IF EVERY SINGLE ETO-SHIN STARTED CLAIMING THAT THEY WERE MY MENTORS -NYA?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AND FINALLY, ME SHIMA-TAN, ETO-SHIN OF TIGER
KNOWLEDGE
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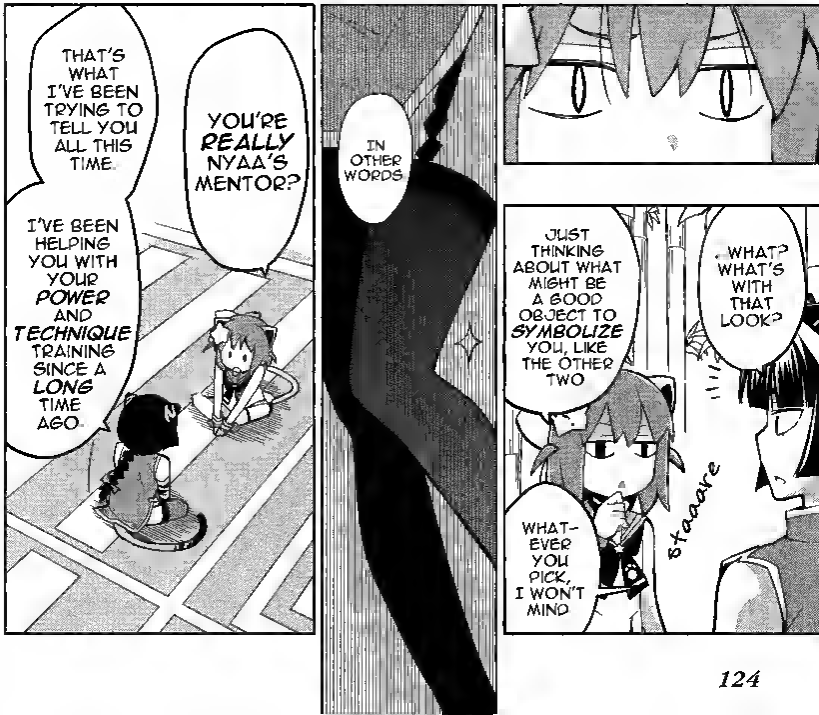
URI-TAN,
心
DORA-TAN,
HEART
WELL, YOU WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT THAT.
AMONG THE ZODIAC, THERE ARE ONLY 3 ETO-SHIN WHO ARE YOUR MENTORS.
3?


YOU'RE REALLY NYAA'S MENTOR?
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU ALL THIS TIME.
I'VE BEEN HELPING YOU WITH YOUR POWER AND TECHNIQUE TRAINING SINCE A LONG TIME AGO.
IN OTHER WORDS
JUST THINKING ABOUT WHAT MIGHT BE A GOOD OBJECT TO SYMBOLIZE YOU, LIKE THE OTHER TWO
WHAT? WHAT'S WITH THAT LOOK?
WHAT-EVER YOU PICK, I WON'T MIND
staaare

BECAUSE THE AWFUL STATE YOUR BODY HAS BEEN IN RECENTLY HAD BEEN BUGGING ME FOR QUITE A WHILE,
I HAD YOU BROUGHT TO MY STAGE SO THAT WE COULD GO OVER OUR TRAINING ALL OVER AGAIN
B-BUT JUST HOW?
IS THAT HOW YOU TREAT A NAPPING CAT!?
YOU'VE NAPPED FOR SO LONG THAT YOU FELL FOR THIS
YOU SHOULD FEEL ASHAMED
WELL, FOR YOUR INFOR-MATION, MASTER (SUPPOSEDLY)
'SUP-POSEDLY', YOU SAY ARE YOU STILL DOUBTING ME?
IT CAN'T BE HELPED, SINCE I'VE GOT AMNESIA -NYA
THE NYAA OF TODAY, WITH COUNTLESS HOURS OF TRAINING, CAN'T EVEN BE COMPARED WITH MY PAST SELF IN TERMS OF STRENGTH -NYA!
WHAT ABOUT THAT?
THAT DOESN'T COUNT! AMBUSHES ARE BAD -NYA!
POINT
HO? THEN WHY DON'T YOU SHOW IT TO ME RIGHT NOW? YOUR TRUE STRENGTH
HISSED
YOU GOT IT!
SOL/ LULL
YAAAAY
CHAA AAAA AAAA AAAA ARGE !!
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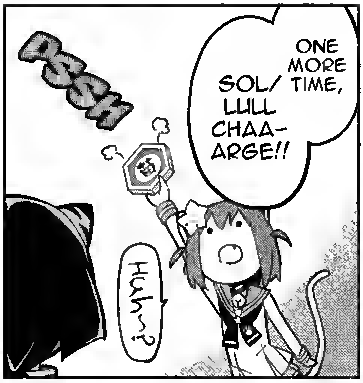
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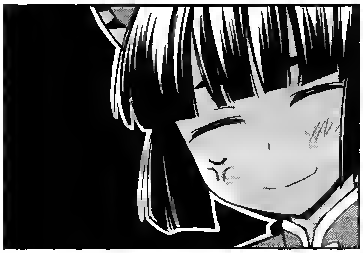
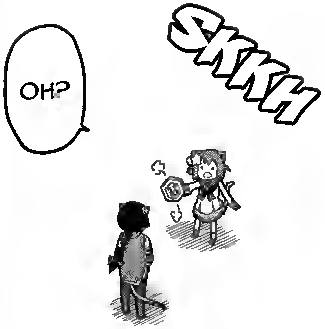
ONE MORE TIME, SOL/ LULL CHAA-ARGE!!
Hah~?




SKKY
OH?

SFX CRACK
YOU'VE BECOME INCOMPA-RABLY WEAKER THAN BEFORE, YOU IDI-OOOOT!!!
HHHHH!?

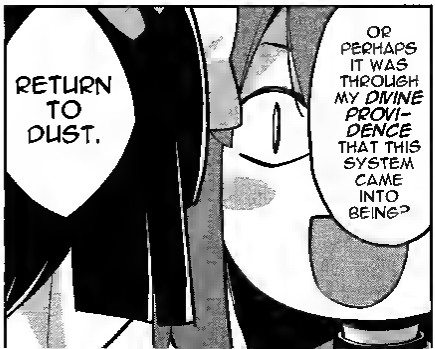
ROOAR
ARE YOU JUST AN ORDINARY CAT!? OR MAYBE YOU'RE ACTUALLY A HUMAN WHO GIVES OUT SOL/LULL INSTEAD!?
BUT WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE ENOUGH SOL/LULL TO TRANSFORM!?
N-NO... I'M NOT JUST AN ORDINARY CAT, MA'AM -NYA
ouchie
LET'S ASSUME THAT I LET YOU OFF AND FORGIVE YOU FOR THIS TIME EASY GETTING THIS WEAK
C-CAN WE JUST PRETEND THAT YOU'RE NOT GOING EASY ON ME -NYA?
DON'T PUSH IT!

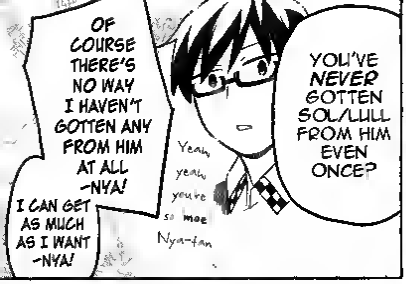
ABOUT SOL/LULL...
YEAH, YEAH...
WHAT -NYA!?
THERE WAS A SECRET TO THIS -NYA!?
FINE, IF YOU'RE REALLY AIMING TO BECOME AN ETO-SHIN, NYA-TAN, I'LL TEACH YOU THE IMPORTANT THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW.
WELL, NEVER MIND
NO, REALLY, EXACTLY WHAT HAVE URI-TAN AND DORA-TAN BEEN DOING ALL THIS TIME...?

SOL/LULL IS PRODUCED WHEN A HUMAN FEELS 'MOE' OR GRATEFUL TOWARDS YOOOOOOU!!
DADUM
YEAH, I ALREADY GOT THAT A LONG TIME AGO, THANKS!!

AH, BUT I GUESS YOU AT LEAST MANAGED TO REMEMBER THAT FACT.
NO, MAYBE SOMEBODY ELSE TAUGHT YOU AGAIN.

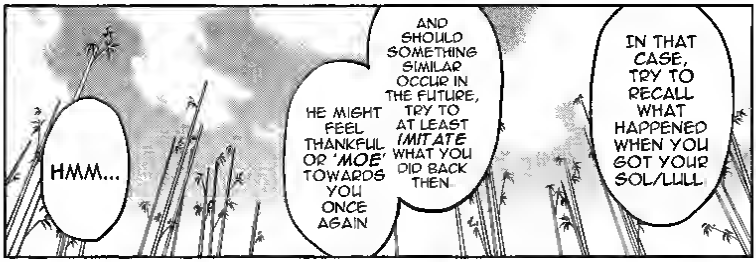
DON'T WASTE MY TIME WITH THE BASIC OF ALL BASIC THINGS LIKE THAT!
AND WHO'S THE ONE WHO COULDN'T EVEN DO SAID 'BASIC THING' SATISFACTORILY IN THE FIRST PLACE!?
NYA-TAN IS A PRETTY KITTY ALREADY ANYWAY -NYA!
PRE-...!?

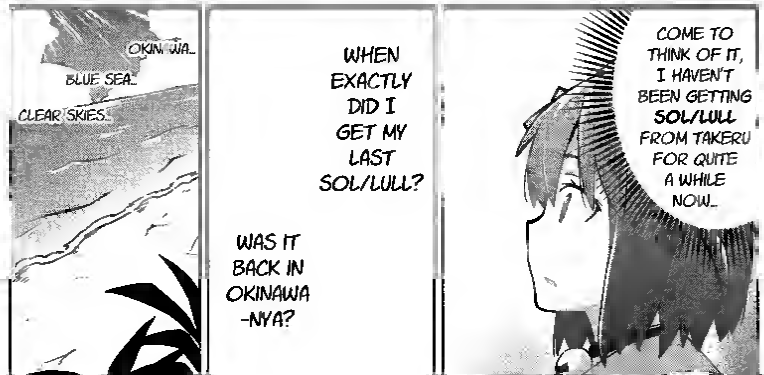

OR PERHAPS IT WAS THROUGH MY DIVINE PROVIDENCE THAT THIS SYSTEM CAME INTO BEING?
RETURN TO DUST.


OF COURSE THERE'S NO WAY I HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY FROM HIM AT ALL -NYA!
I CAN GET AS MUCH AS I WANT -NYA!
YOU'VE NEVER GOTTEN SOL/LULL FROM HIM EVEN ONCE?
Yeah, yeah, you're so moe Nya-tan.

BY THE WAY, SHOULDN'T YOU HAVE BEEN SAVING SOL/LULL UP IF YOU KNEW ABOUT ALL THIS ALREADY?
NO, ABOUT THAT -NYA.
THAT'S BECAUSE OUR TAKERU IS KINDA BLAND.

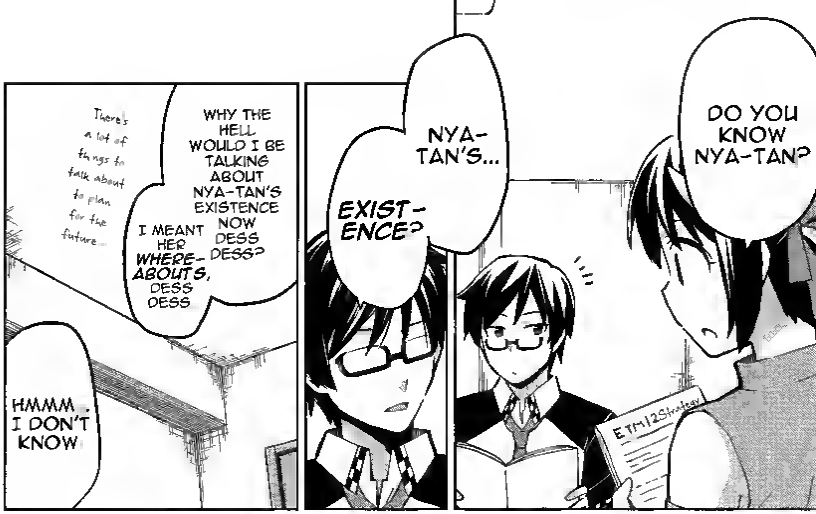
ARE YOU SURE~?
I'M VERY SURE -NYA!
WELL, LET'S JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT, THEN.

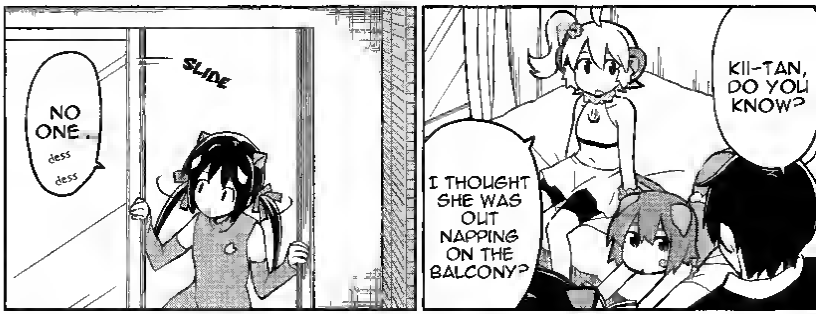

IN THAT CASE, TRY TO RECALL WHAT HAPPENED WHEN YOU GOT YOUR SOL/LULL
AND SHOULD SOMETHING SIMILAR OCCUR IN THE FUTURE, TRY TO AT LEAST IMITATE WHAT YOU DID BACK THEN.
HE MIGHT FEEL THANKFUL OR 'MOE' TOWARDS YOU ONCE AGAIN
HMM...


OKINAWA...
BLUE SEA...
CLEAR SKIES...
WHEN EXACTLY DID I GET MY LAST SOL/LULL?
WAS IT BACK IN OKINAWA -NYA?
COME TO THINK OF IT, I HAVEN'T BEEN GETTING SOL/LULL FROM TAKERU FOR QUITE A WHILE NOW...

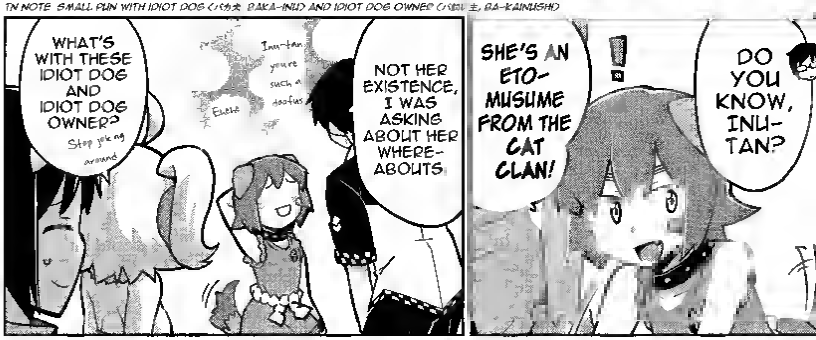
OKINA WAAA AAAA AAAA AAAA AAAA!!!
!?
IF YOU LEND ME SOME, I'LL TAKE OUT THE (SUPPOSEDLY)!
!
.....
AH, BUT I DON'T HAVE MONEY!
MASTER! (SUPPOSEDLY) LEND ME SOME CASH -NYA!
HUH?
NO WAY.
LIKE I SAID, I REFUSE.
SO YOU SAY, BUT YOU HESITATED A LITTLE, RIGHT -NYA?
YOU HESITATED, DIDN'T YOU -NYA?
WHAT? WHO HESITATED? I DEFINITELY DIDN'T, YOU IMBECILE

IT'S DEFINITELY NOT ME TRYING TO RUN AWAY OR GO ON A VACATION -NYA
IF WE GO TO OKINAWA, WE WILL DEFINITELY BE ABLE TO SEE TAKERU'S TRUE SELF -NYA
WELL, I'LL AT LEAST LISTEN TO YOUR EXPLANATIONS, SO START TALKING
I'LL BE ABLE TO GET SOME SOL/LULL THEN,
SO IN OTHER WORDS, I THINK THIS IS A NECESSARY COST TO PAY TO PREPARE FOR ETM19 -NYA!
ZERO CREDIBILITY
THIS IS DEFINITELY A VACATION...
IT'S NOT A VACATION -NYA
UM... TAKERU-SAN...

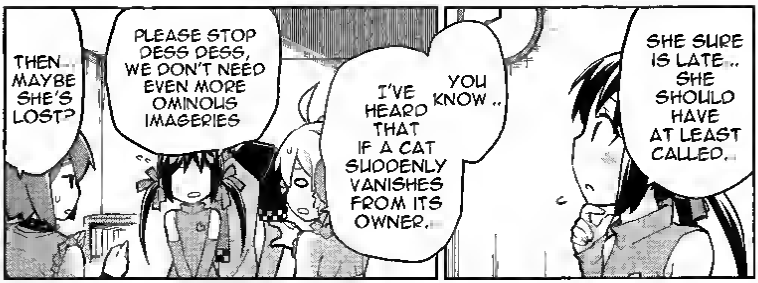

DO YOU KNOW NYA-TAN?
NYA-TAN'S...
EXIST-ENCE?
WHY THE HELL WOULD I BE TALKING ABOUT NYA-TAN'S EXISTENCE NOW DESS DESS?
I MEANT HER WHERE-ABOUTS, DESS DESS
There's a lot of things to talk about to plan for the future...
HMMM. I DON'T KNOW



TN NOTE: SMALL PUN WITH IDIOT DOG (バカ犬 BAKA-INU) AND IDIOT DOG OWNER (バカ主 BA-KAINUSHI)


DO YOU KNOW, INU-TAN?
SHE'S AN ETO-MUSUME FROM THE CAT CLAN!
NOT HER EXISTENCE, I WAS ASKING ABOUT HER WHERE-ABOUTS
WHAT'S WITH THESE IDIOT DOG AND IDIOT DOG OWNER?
Stop giving command
Inu-tan you're such a doofus
Excite

THE NIGHT FELL, YET NYA-TAN'S EXISTENCE WAS STILL LEFT VAGUE.
SHE STILL ABSOLUTELY EXISTS DESS DESS.


SHE SURE IS LATE... SHE SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST CALLED...
YOU KNOW.. I'VE HEARD THAT IF A CAT SUDDENLY VANISHES FROM ITS OWNER...
PLEASE STOP DESS DESS, WE DON'T NEED EVEN MORE OMINOUS IMAGERIES
THEN... MAYBE SHE'S LOST?

...OR COULD SHE HAVE RUN AWAY?
RUN AWAY?
WAS THERE SOMETHING WRONG WITH MY HOUSE THAT SHE DIDN'T LIKE?
I DON'T THINK THERE WAS ANYTHING THAT WOULD'VE MADE HER WANT TO RUN AWAY...
NO, IF SHE DIDN'T LIKE SOMETHING, THAT MUST HAVE BEEN...
...AH!

A RUN-AWAY, HUH...
Ah!
I SEE... SHE COULD HAVE RUN AWAY...

HAS HIS 'DERE' PERIOD FINALLY STARTED?
'DERE' PERIOD?
COULD IT BE THAT SINCE NYA-TAN IS NOW GONE, TAKERU-SAN IS STARTING TO FEEL LONELY DESS DESS?
SNUFF
...I SEE...
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT...
I DON'T FEEL THAT LONELY AT ALL.
Actually it feels like peace has returned to my heart once again
NO WAAA AAAY!
dess dess
AHA
IT DIDN'T START, HUH.

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